

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 34, 37-39, 44-53 and 56-62 were examined. Claims 34, 37-39, 44-48, 50, 56-57 and 59-62 are rejected under prior art, while claims 49, 51-53 and 58 are acknowledged to contain allowable subject matter. In order to expedite allowance and issuance of this application, Applicant amends independent claim 34 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 49, thereby placing claim 34 in condition for immediate allowance. In view of this amendment to claim 34, claims 45 and 49 are herein canceled (without prejudice or disclaimer) to avoid redundancy, and the dependency of claims 46-48, 50 and 56 is amended. Consequently, claims 37-39, 44, 46-48, 50, 56-57 and 59-62 are in condition for immediate allowance, at least by virtue of their dependency. Furthermore, allowable dependent claims 51-52 and 58 are rewritten in independent form, thereby placing claims 51-52 and 58 in condition for immediate allowance. Consequently, claim 53 is in condition for immediate allowance, at least by virtue of its dependency.

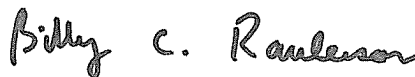
In view of the above, entry and consideration of this Amendment and allowance of claims 34, 37-39, 44, 46-48, 50-53 and 56-62 are respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 03-0172. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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